In re Application of

MAURO GELLI ET AL

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U.S. Serial No. 10/554,406

Group Art Unit 3721

Filed: October 24, 2005

Confirmation No. 4587

MACHINE AND METHOD FOR FORMING HELICALLY WOUND PAPER TUBES HAVING IMPROVED MECHANICAL RESISTANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.
An additional fee is required as calculated below -

	Claims Remaining After	Highest No. Previously	Present	Small En	<u>tity</u> Addnl.	Other Than A Small Entity Addnl.		
	Amendment	Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee	
Total Indep		Minus * Minus *		x \$ 25 \$_ x \$100 \$		x\$ 50 \$ x\$200 \$		
	Presentation of N			x \$180 \$		x\$360 \$		
	Total Ad	dditional Fee		<u>\$</u>		§	<u> </u>	

- \* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.
- X This response is being filed within the period for response.

Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date
of the Examiner's Action as follows:

First-Month E	xtension	\$ 60.00	/	\$	120.00
 Second-Month	Extension	\$ 225.00	/	\$	450.00
Third-Month E	xtension	\$ 510.00	/	\$1	020.00

\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$\( \) 0.00 is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 10, 2007

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed March 27, 2007 applicants elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 26-45, drawn to a machine for producing a tubular product by helical winding and gluing of strips of web material.

However, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter of Group II, i.e., claims 46-50, drawn to a method for producing a tubular product, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

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Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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